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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN ROGER SOMERVILLE, on March 2, 2001 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Roger Somerville, Chairman (R)

Rep. Carol C. Juneau, Vice Chairman (D)

Rep. Darrel Adams (R)

Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)

Rep. Ronald Devlin (R)

Rep. Dave Gallik (D)

Rep. Steven Gallus (D)

Rep. George Golie (D)

Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)

Rep. Jim Keane (D)

Rep. Gary Matthews (D)

Rep. William Price (R)

Rep. Allen Rome (R)

Rep. Frank Smith (D)

Rep. Donald Steinbeisser (R)

Rep. Karl Waitschies (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke, Vice Chairman (R)

Rep. Debby Barrett (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Donna Huffman, Committee Secretary

Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and

discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: none.

Executive Action: HB 544, 03/02/01.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 544

Motion: REP. GALLUS moved that HB 544 DO PASS.

Discussion:

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Rep. Balyeat said he is convinced this process will not be effective, he had information from the Office of Legislative Research and General Council from the State of Utah, which is a survey conducted in 1993. He said according to the survey, Utah only had 9% uninsured motorists in 1993, before they instituted the InsureRite Program. There are other documents, such as the Insurance Research Council and the Salt Lake Tribune, showing that Utah only had 9% uninsured motorists. After Utah has had this program in place, it is still no better than 9% with uninsured motorists.

Motion: REP. SOMERVILLE moved that AMENDMENT FOR HB 544, #HB054401.ALK DO PASS.

Leanne Kurtz explained amendment, #HB054401.ALK. EXHIBIT (trh48a01).

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Brenda Nordlund explained amendment 3, subsection(4),
#HB054401.ALK.

Motion: REP. GALLUS moved to SEGREGATE AMENDMENT #3 FROM #1 AND
#2, #HB054401.ALK.

Motion/Vote: REP. GALLUS moved that AMENDMENT #1 AND #2, #HB054401.ALK DO PASS. Motion carried 15-1 with Balyeat voting no.

<u>Substitute Motion/Vote</u>: REP. GALLUS made a substitute motion to STRIKE SUBSECTION (4) FROM AMENDMENT AND VOTE ON AMENDMENT #3, SUBSECTION 3. DO PASS. Substitute motion carried 14-2 with Adams and Balyeat voting no.

Motion: REP. MATTHEWS moved that AMENDMENT #HB054401.ALK DO PASS.

Rep. Matthews explained amendment, #HB054401.ALK.
EXHIBIT(trh48a02).

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Motion/Vote: REP. MATTHEWS moved that AMENDMENT #HB054402.ALK DO PASS. Motion carried 14-2 with Balyeat and Gallik voting no.

Motion/Vote: REP. PRICE moved a CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT FOR HB 544,
on PAGE 3, LINE 26, change from 3 MONTHS TO 2 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS.
DO PASS. Motion carried 14-2 with Adams and Balyeat voting no.

Motion/Vote: REP. DEVLIN moved that HB 544 DO PASS AS AMENDED.
Motion carried 12-6 with Adams, Balyeat, Barrett, Hedges, Juneau,
and Rome voting no. EXHIBIT(trh48a03).

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:15 P.M.

REP. ROGER SOMERVILLE, Chairman

DONNA HUFFMAN, Secretary

RS/DH

EXHIBIT(trh48aad)